My Beautiful World

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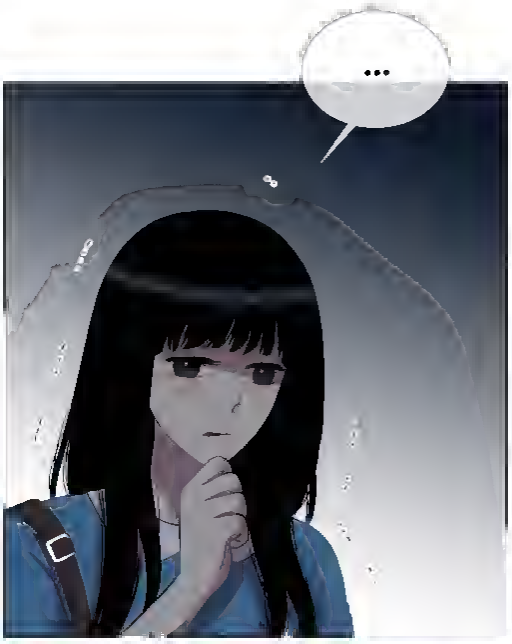
YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO US!
WE'RE THE VICTIMS HERE!
HE HIT US FIRST! I ALMOST DIED!!
WHAT DID YOU CALL MY PARENTS FOR!
SCREAM
THEY'RE GONNA TAKE MY BIKE AWAY!
YELL
VICTIM MY ASS.
I SAW WHAT YOU GUYS WERE DOING AND WE ALSO HAVE A WITNESS.
WHEN ARE YOU GUYS GONNA LEARN? YOU'RE NOT IN HIGH SCHOOL ANYMORE.
PSHHT
PSHT
REGULARS

YOU GUYS CAN GO NOW. WE'LL CONTACT YOU TOMORROW.
THANK YOU.

THANK GOODNESS HE WAS ON PATROL
POLICE S
WE SHOULD MAKE SURE THAT THEY GET WHAT THEY DESERVE...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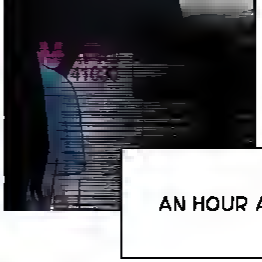


AN HOUR AGO.

HOW CAN YOU HIT A GIRL?!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO TOUCH HER!

WHOOOSH

AND YOU!!
WHIR
YOU TRIED THE SAME SHIT ON ME LAST TIME!!
BLOCK!

YOU THINK I'M STUPID?!
KRAKK!!

PHWUMP

W....WHAT THE FUCK?!
GET YOUR HANDS OFF HER!

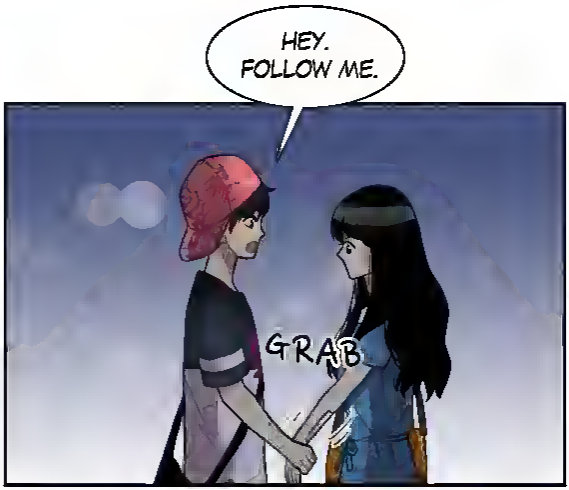
WHOOOOOSH!!
AAAAAAA!!!
STOP

N....NO.

YOU'RE TURNING BLACK...
DON'T.
STOP IT.
WHAT'S GOING ON THERE?!
IT'S THEM!

END OF FLASHBACK.

SHE'S STILL TREMBLING.
UH-OH..
IT'S MY FAULT. I SHOULD'VE JUST RAN AWAY.


HEY. FOLLOW ME.
GRAB

HUH??

SPIN
RUN
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
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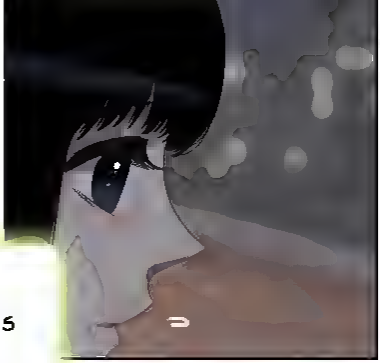
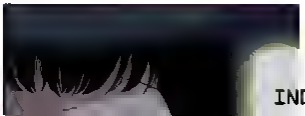
WHY ARE WE AT MR. YIM'S ROOFTOP?
HE SAID HE'S GONNA BE LATE TONIGHT. AND WHERE DID NAMYON GO?

SORRY I KEPT YOU WAITING.
I CAN'T BUY IT MYSELF AND I KNEW YOU WERE GONNA SAY NO IF I ASKED YOU, SO HERE WE ARE.
I STOLE IT FROM JUNE'S FRIDGE
STOLE WHAT?
LET'S HAVE A DRINK. SHALL WE?

NORMALLY, I WOULD'VE SAID NO.
BUT I WAS TOO SHOCKED AND SCARED.



AND I KNEW HE WAS OOING THIS FOR ME SO I ACCEPTED.



INDEED IT HELPED

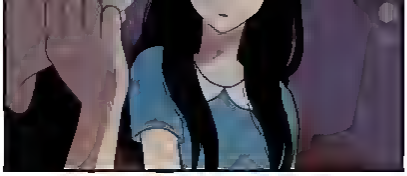
SIGH

HEY, YOU KNOW WHAT?

ALREADY?
YOU ONLY HAD A SIP
HICCUP

CAN I TELL YOU

A SECRET. I HAVEN'T EVEN TOLD JUNE ABOUT THIS.

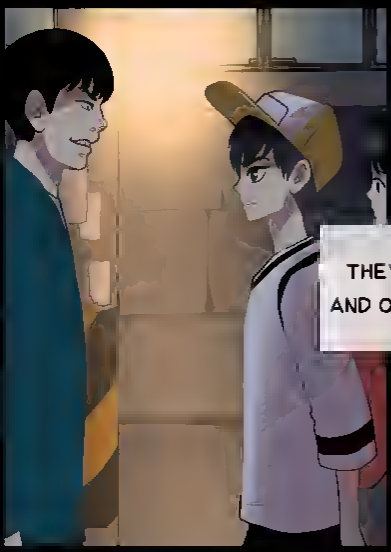


COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO.

I WAS WALKING HOME WITH NAMYON AFTER TUTORING. ON THE WAY WE MET ONE OF HIS MIDDLE SCHOOL FRIENDS, AND EVERYTHING WAS GOOD UP TO THAT POINT.

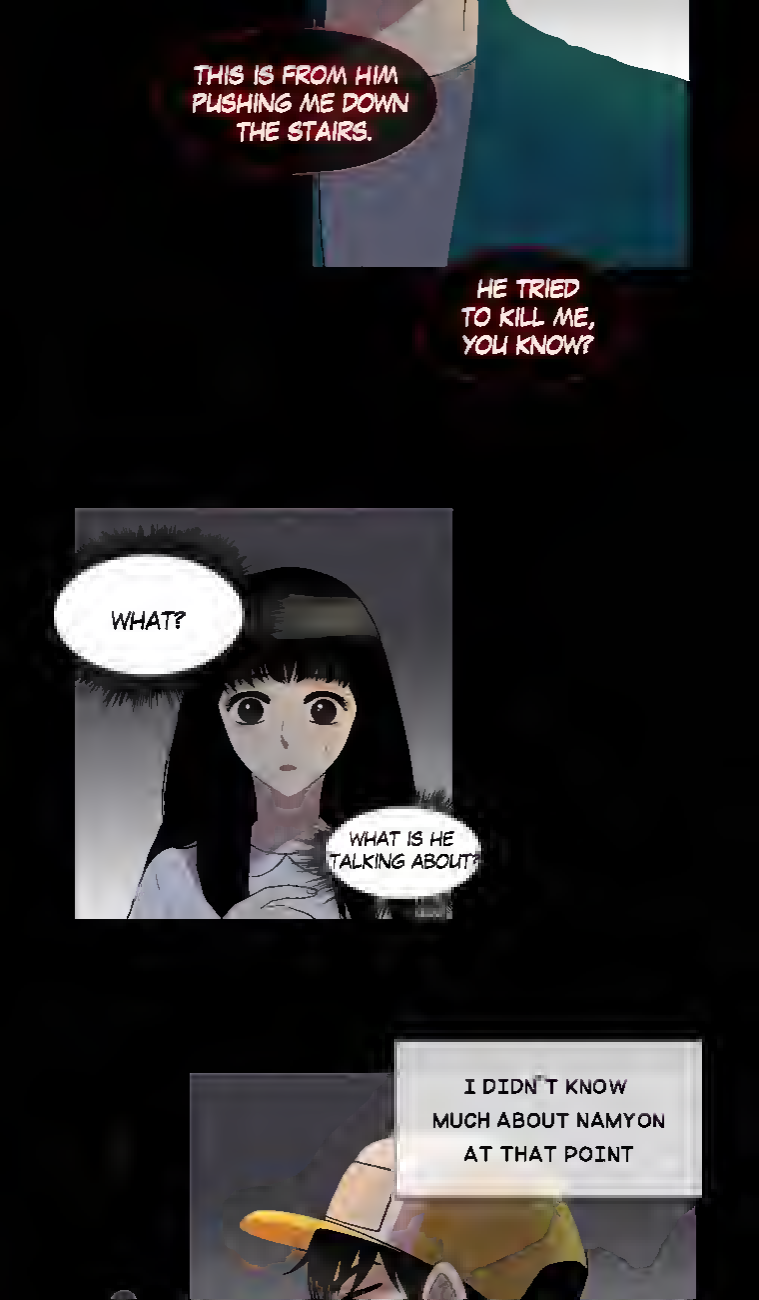
BUT THINGS GOT UGLY WHEN WE MET SOME OF HIS CLASSMATES FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

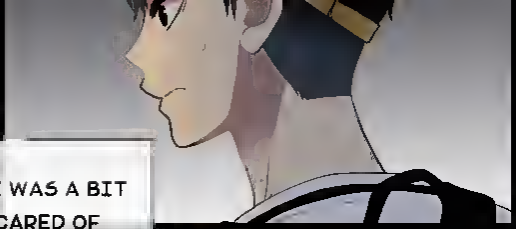
FROM THE WAY THEY TALKED, IT WAS CLEAR THAT THEY WEREN'T HIS FRIENDS.



THEY STARTED ARGUING AND ONE OF THE GUYS SAID,

WOW. I DIDN'T KNOW HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUTS CAN HAVE GIRLFRIENDS TOO. HAHA. HEY YOU, DO YOU SEE THE SCAR HERE?


THIS IS FROM HIM PUSHING ME DOWN THE STAIRS.
HE TRIED TO KILL ME, YOU KNOW?
WHAT?
WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT?
I DIDN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT NAMYON AT THAT POINT



SO I WAS A BIT SCARED OF HIM

BUT SOON I REALIZED I WASN'T BEING FAIR

I HEARD ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE STORY

I GOTTA LISTEN TO HIS SIDE OF THE STORY TOO

YOU REMEMBER THOSE GUYS WE MET ON THE WAY HOME COUPLE WEEKS AGO?
THEY USED TO PICK ON SOME BOYS THEY DIDN'T LIKE. AND I WAS ONE OF THEM.
SO I FOUGHT THEM EVERY DAY. I WANTED TO STAND UP FOR ALL OF US.
ONE DAY, WE ENDED UP FIGHTING ON THE STAIRCASE.
THINGS GOT ROUGH AND I ENDED UP PUSHING

HIM DOWN THE STAIRS. IT WAS AN ACCIDENT.

AFTER THAT, I GOT SICK OF EVERYTHING AND DROPPED OUT.

HE FINISHED HIS STORY IN A CALM VOICE.

BUT I KNEW THERE WAS MUCH MORE TO THAT STORY.

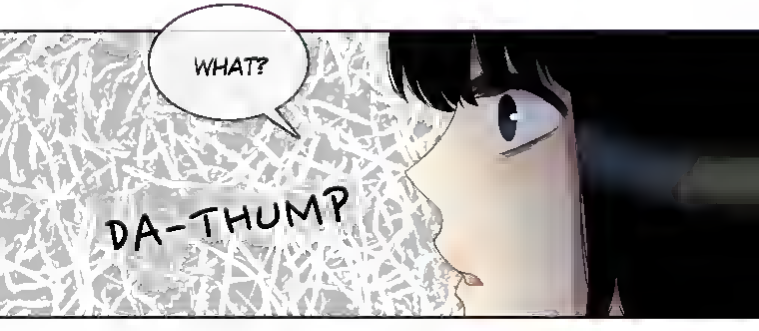
HE WAS LIKE ME.

WELL, EVERYONE KNOWS ABOUT THIS. MY MOM, DAD, JUYON, JUNE, EVEN YOUNG-WOO.
BUT THERE'S ONE THING I KEPT TO MYSELF.

WHEN I SAW HIM FALL DOWN THE STAIRS AND...

WHEN HE HIT HIS HEAD AND WAS ON THE GROUND UNCONSCIOUS...
I WISHED HE WAS DEAD.
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.
AT THAT MOMENT, I REALLY WISHED HE WAS DEAD.

AND I HATED MYSELF FOR THINKING IT.
IF YOU SAW ME AT THAT MOMENT
WOULD YOU HAVE SEEN THE BLACK MONSTER INSIDE ME TOO?



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